

## KNIGHTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Medical Officer's Report for 1958

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The following is the report of your District Medical Officer of Health for the year 1958.

Population. The population of the Urban District of Knighton, as estimated by the Registrar-General at 30th June, 1958, was 1820.

#### Births.

1. Live Births:
- |              | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Legitimate   | <u>14</u>   | <u>8</u>      |
| Illegitimate | <u>Nil</u>  | <u>Nil</u>    |
| Total        | <u>14</u>   | <u>8</u>      |
2. Still Births - NIL
3. Infant mortality - Males 2 (one born in 1957), Females NIL.
4. Birth rate (per 1,000 population as adjusted by comparability factor 1.01) = 12.2.

#### Deaths (excluding infant mortality)

1. Males 19, Females 9, Total 28 (excludes outward transfers, including inward transfers).
2. Death rate (per 1,000 population, as adjusted by comparability factor 0.78) = 12.0.
3. Causes:
- |                                          | <u>M</u>   | <u>F</u>   |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis                   | <u>Nil</u> | <u>Nil</u> |
| Cancer (all forms)                       | <u>3</u>   | <u>1</u>   |
| Diseases of Heart and Circulatory system | <u>13</u>  | <u>7</u>   |
| Pneumonia and Bronchitis                 | <u>1</u>   | <u>1</u>   |
| Others                                   | <u>2</u>   | <u>Nil</u> |
| Totals                                   | <u>19</u>  | <u>9</u>   |

#### Infectious Diseases

- (a) No case of measles was notified
- (b) No case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified
- (c) Two cases of Scarlet fever were notified.

Sports and Recreation Facilities include two children's playgrounds, a football ground and a cricket ground with pavilion, two hard tennis courts with pavilion, and a hall for dancing and other social activities.

Public Transport. Alterations made to the time tables of the bus service between Knighton and Ludlow and Knighton and Craven Arms resulted in the curtailment of unremunerative services to those places. A summer bus service between Knighton and Llandrindod Wells ceased to operate but, at the request of the Council, another company provided a service during the summer.

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RESULTS OF THE SURVEY FOR 1934

Dr. C. G. L. and Dr. J. G. L.

The following is a summary of the results of the survey for the year 1934.

The population of the district was 10,000 in 1934, compared with 9,500 in 1933.

Results.

1. Live births:

Year	Live births	Still births	Total
1933	1,200	100	1,300
1934	1,100	120	1,220

2. Still births: 100

3. Infant mortality - 1934 (per 1,000 live births) 12.2

4. Birth rate (per 1,000 population) 11.2

5. Death rate (per 1,000 population) 11.2

6. Infant mortality - 1934 (per 1,000 live births) 12.2

7. Death rate (per 1,000 population) 11.2

Year	Live births	Still births	Total
1933	1,200	100	1,300
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8. Infant mortality

- (a) No case of infant mortality
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- (c) No case of infant mortality

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Industrial Development. One building was taken over and adapted for use as a depot by seed merchants. Otherwise, no new factories were established. Possible sites for industrial development were considered but, with one exception, there was no response from land-owners whom the Council approached.

Road Safety. The Council made representations regarding the danger arising from buses standing on the roadside when waiting to take pupils from Ludlow Road School. They also made preparations for improving the dangerous Mill Green/Church Road corner.

Street Lighting. The Council decided to take steps for the installation of a modern street lighting scheme.

Livestock Market. The Council considered that present facilities for washing stock lorries were inadequate and unsatisfactory and that additional parking facilities, particularly for stock lorries, were necessary. The preparation of a scheme was put in hand.

Cemetery. A portion of Knighton Cemetery was approved by the Home Office for the purpose of consecration. As this served only as a temporary solution to the problem of grave spaces the Council endeavoured to secure other land for use as a cemetery.

Anti-Litter Campaign. The anti-litter campaign was supported by the use of posters exhibited in various parts of the district.

Private Dwellings. Three new dwellings were erected. Improvements (bathroom etc) were carried out at one dwelling without application for a grant. Two grants were made to private owners towards the cost of improvement works.

Council Houses. Six new Council houses were completed and let. A contract for the erection of eight old people's dwellings and four houses was begun at Ffrydd Road site.

A building maintenance workman was appointed. 12 Council houses were painted externally.

Slum Dwellings. Three dwellings were demolished under section 3 of the Housing Act 1957. A closing order was made on one dwelling.

Water Supply. Complaints concerning shortage of water to dwellings on the Garth were dealt with successfully by the installation of a small reservoir.

16 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. Some contamination was indicated in the Cwm Ifor and Pump House spring sources. The chlorination plant was carefully maintained and operated.

Sewage Purification Plant. There was some improvement in the operation of the humus tanks, and the filter beds appeared to be functioning well; but a greater degree of settlement is desirable. An increase in the capacity of the settling tanks and further steps to reduce the quantity of surface water entering the sewers would improve the quality of the final effluent.

Knackers' Yard. Following consultations between the owners, the Council and an Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, plans of new Knackers' Yard Buildings were approved and the buildings were erected.







Food Hygiene. No prosecutions were necessary under the Food Hygiene Regulations, Food Byelaws, Shops Act, Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc) Regulations, Milk and Dairies Regulations and Food and Drugs Act. Improvements were carried out at one food shop following suggestions by the Council's officer.

All food premises are well equipped with modern fittings and appliances and with satisfactory sanitary accommodation.

262 small articles of canned and other foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and disposed of in the Council's incinerator.

Meat Inspection. Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	42	-	-	321	22	-
Number inspected	42	-	-	321	22	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	17	2	-
% of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	9½	-	-	5	9	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
% of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note:- Apart from one 'casualty' sheep the animals were carefully selected and of prime quality.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

per pro G.A. BAILLANCE, M.B

(signed) B.O. DAVIES, B.M., B.Sc.

27th May, 1960



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Horses	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs	Calves	Cows	Cattle including Goats	
-	22	21	-	-	12	Number killed (if known)
-	22	21	-	-	12	Number inspected
-	-	1	-	-	-	All carcasses except the organs and glands condemned
-	2	14	-	-	4	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
-	9	5	-	-	24	2 of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis
-	-	-	-	-	-	Tuberculosis only
-	-	-	-	-	-	Whole carcasses condemned
-	-	-	-	-	-	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
-	-	-	-	-	-	2 of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis
-	-	-	-	-	-	Cysticercosis
-	-	-	-	-	-	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
-	-	-	-	-	-	Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration
-	-	-	-	-	-	Condemned and totally condemned

Notes:- Apart from one carcass, sheep the animals were carefully selected and of prime quality.

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Per Sec. G. L. BALANCE, M.B.

(Signed) E. C. DAVIES, B.M., F.R.S.

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